February 26 to 28, 2027
Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach, Manila, Philippines

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

This is to formally invite all dragon boat teams to participate in the **Manila International Dragon Boat Regatta** on February 26 to 28, 2027 at the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach, Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines. Local and international teams are welcome to participate, regardless of federation affiliation or non-affiliation.

RACE INFORMATION

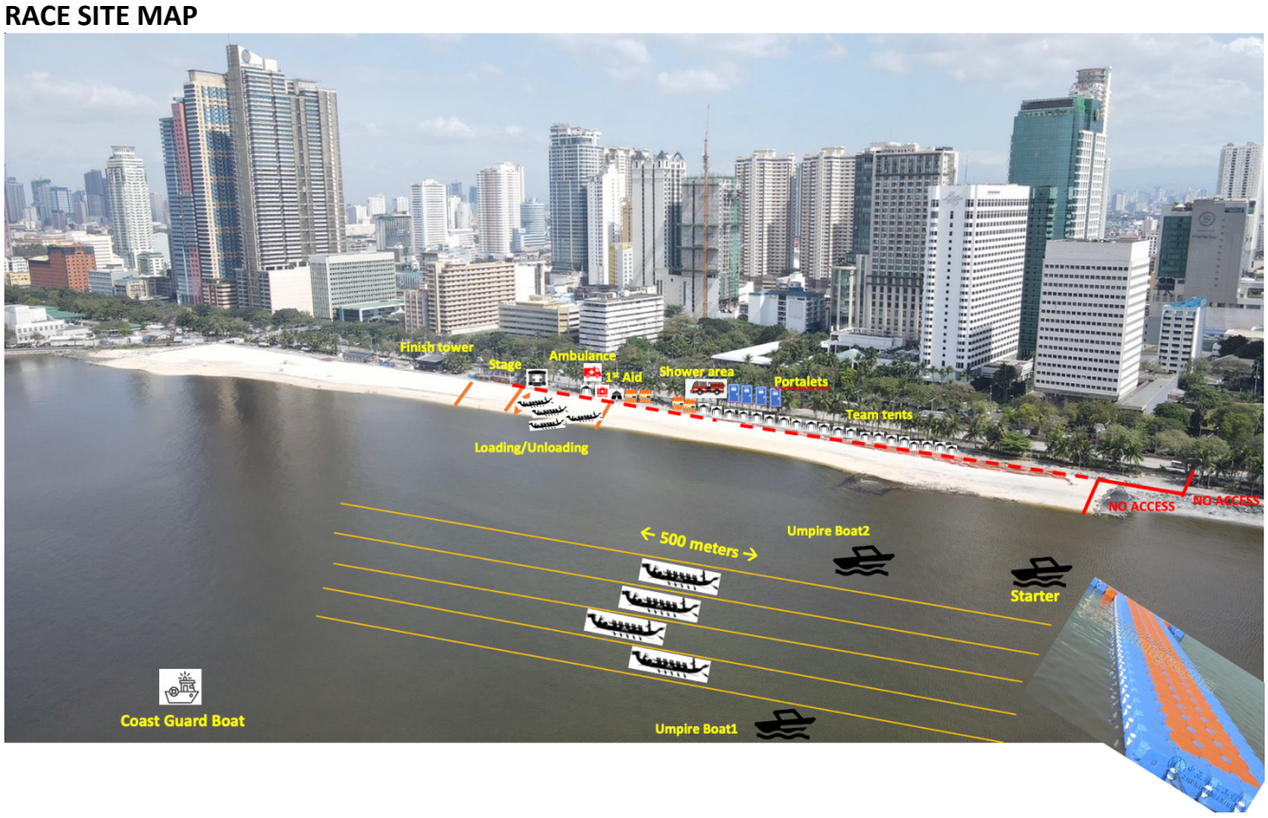
Race Distance: 500 meters straight course

Race Categories:
Premier OPEN Standard
Premier MIXED Standard
Premier OPEN Small Boat
Premier WOMEN Small Boat
Senior-A OPEN Small Boat
Senior-A MIXED Small Boat
24 & Under OPEN Small Boat

Lanes: Four to six lanes

Boats: IDBF-licensed standard-size dragon boats for standard and small boat events

RACE SITE MAP



THE VENUE

Manila is the capital of the Philippines. Nestled in the heart of the city is the picturesque Manila Bay known for its majestic sunset. The Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach is the main beach where dragon boat events in Manila are held. It is also close to the training site of majority of dragon boat teams in the Philippines. During summer, Manila Bay is relatively calm and can be ideal for four to six lanes.

As the nation's capital, Manila is home to countless hotels and accommodation options from five star hotels to hostels, AirBNB's and affordable inns. Restaurants, coffee shops, malls, national parks, and several tourist attractions can be found around the race venue around Manila. The venue is also very near major hospitals in case of medical emergencies.

In terms of accessibility, Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach is reachable by public and private transport. Either by train, public utility vehicles, or transport network vehicle services (TNVS) like Grab, or even by foot, the race venue is easily accessible.











CREW COMPOSITION

Premier Open & Mixed Standard Boat

Ten (10) pairs maximum, nine (9) pairs minimum, two (2) pairs reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm. No age restriction, except that all crew members must be 12 years old and up. Competitors who are 12 to 17 years of age need to have a signed and notarized parent's consent with waiver to join the race.

For the Mixed Standard event, strict compliance with the IDBF rule on the requirement of minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 of each gender, with a total crew number of 18 to 20 paddlers, to load the boat will be observed. Thus, to satisfy the minimum crew composition requirement, the following must compose a mixed crew:

Male	Female
10	10
10	9
10	8
9	9
9	10
8	10

Premier Women Small Boat

Five (5) pairs of paddlers, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, and one (1) helm – all must be biologically female. No age restriction, except that all crew members must be 12 years old and up. Those under 18 years of age need to have a signed parent's consent with waiver to join the race. Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load.

Premier Open Small Boat,
Senior-A Open Small Boat,
Senior-A Mixed Small Boat,
24U Open Small Boat,

Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load. For these events, no gender restriction on the drummer and helm. For the Premier Open Small Boat, Senior-A Open Small Boat, and 24U Open Small Boat events, no gender restriction on any crew member. For paddlers in the Senior-A Mixed Small Boat event, minimum of 4 and maximum of 5 of each gender, with a total number of 8 to 10 paddlers, to load the boat will be observed. Thus, to satisfy the minimum crew composition requirement, the following must compose a mixed crew:

Male	Female
5	5
5	4
4	4
5	5

For the Premier Open Small Boat, no age restriction on any crew member (paddlers, drummer, and helm).

For the Senior-A Open Small Boat and Senior-A Mixed Small Boat, except for the drummer, all crew members must be at least 40 years old on the competition year. To clarify, paddlers and helm must have been born in the year 1987 or earlier to qualify in the Senior-A Mixed Small Boat event.

For the 24U Open, except for the helm, all crew members must be not be older than 24 years on the competition year. To clarify, paddlers and drummers must have been born in the year 2003 or later to qualify in the 24 & Under Open Small Boat event.

For those with entries in Senior-A and 24&Under events, teams must provide proof of age of participating crew members. This may be scanned copies of a valid ID, passport, birth certificates, or any official document showing the age of the racer. Avoid delaying races by submitting these documents on race day. The organizer reserves the right to deny crews from racing if their age remains unverified prior to race day.

Notwithstanding the submission online of proof of age, the marshalling team may still require presentation of valid ID / birth cert if the age of the racer appears questionable to the marshall or checker. Team managers are advised to always be ready with a hard copy or at least a photocopy or printout of the valid IDs of all racers participating in the Senior and 24&U events. Moreover, by joining the race, the participants are expressly giving consent to the use of their personal information by the organizers for the purpose of facilitating the race and verifying the age and identity of the participants.

While the organizers will strictly keep personal information of the participants confidential, whenever there are challenges to the age and identity of the participants as part of the restrictions on crew composition (age, gender, etc.), the race officials and organizers may show or exhibit to the protesting party concerned a copy of the personal identification document of the racer/s concerned.

In no case will a copy of the official personal identification document be furnished to any racer, even those protesting specific racers. These documents are strictly for exhibition purposes only, whenever necessary, and will never be forwarded to another person outside the organizing committee and race officials. Taking a photo or screenshot of these documents by anyone outside the organizers and race officials is strictly prohibited to protect personal information and data privacy of the racers. Request to be furnished a copy or to take photos of these personal documents will outright be denied.

BORROWING HELMS & DOUBLE ROSTERING

The organizers will NOT be strict about the steerspersons. This means that a helm listed under one team, or even if not listed in any participating team, may be allowed to steer for another crew member at the discretion of the chief official, EXCEPT, in the case of immediately succeeding heats. In such case, the races will not be delayed for the reason that the steersperson, or any other crew member is still loaded in the boat or is just on its way back to docking. Consideration for back-to-back races may be given, but only if there is adequate time for the succeeding races. If the team decides to have one helm in more than one event, it is understood that the crew is willing to take the risk of not being able to race by reason of default in reporting to the marshalling of the complete crew. Moreover, a borrowed helm is PROHIBITED from being a drummer or paddler.

Any crew member (whether listed as paddler, drummer, or helm) may be allowed to assert any role in the boat as long as the person changing roles is in the crew list and crew gallery. Roles may even be interchanged in the succeeding heats.

Crossing over teams is not allowed. This means that those listed in Team A cannot play in Team B in any capacity, except for the helm. Even if the team has the same team name, their teams A and B will be considered as separate teams. All teams with single entry in every event are considered as Team A. Only those teams which specifically entered a Team B will be considered as Team B. Those with Team B in any event are invited to carefully review their team composition per event to make sure that no person in Team A will be lined up in any event in Team B, and vice versa.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The top three (3) teams in each competition class will be awarded trophies, medals and cash prize. Fourth place will receive a trophy and cash prize. Overall champion will be determined according to rankings in each category that the team joined. Aside from the cash prize in each event, a separate cash prize will be given to the overall champion. All participating teams will receive a certificate of participation.

Event	Champion			1st RU			2nd RU			3rd RU	
	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Cash
Premier Open-DB22	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	TBD
Premier Mixed-DB22	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	28	TBD	1	TBD
Premier Open-DB12	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	TBD
Premier Women-DB12	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	TBD
Senior-A Open-DB12	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	TBD
Senior-A Mixed-DB12	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	TBD
24U Open-DB12	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	16	TBD	1	TBD
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REGULATIONS AND RULES

The race will apply PDBF Rules of Racing (to be released later in the Technical Bulletin), which are based on the IDBF Competition Rules and the IDBF Rules of Racing. In case any matter is not covered by the Rules of Racing, the IDBF Rules of Racing and Competition Regulations will apply suppletorily. Per Provision A10 of the IDBF Competition Regulations, "In situations not covered by these Competition Regulations *xxx*, the Race Organiser *xxx* is empowered to make such decisions and to give such instructions as are necessary to carry out the Race Organiser's responsibilities and effect the Purposes of A8[1] above. *xxx* For situations not covered by the Rules of Racing *xxx*, the Chief Official *xxx* shall be empowered as above, in respect of the said Rules."

REQUIRED FORMS (as attached)

A. Interested teams may submit online registration form by scanning the QR code on or before November 30, 2026 or until maximum number of participating teams is reached.

B. Download race forms and information bulletin at https://pdbfsport.com/downloadable-forms.

C. Please email accomplished race forms in Excel file (NOT pdf file) and scanned copy of ID or any proof of age of competitors in Senior-A and 24U events on or before December 29, 2026 to manilaidbregatta@gmail.com. Please note that for EACH category or event, a separate crew list and crew gallery are required. Feel free to add tabs on the Excel file for additional crew list and crew gallery for other standard or small boat events, as may be necessary.

D. CREW LIST will be used for marshalling and loading. Electronic copy of the crew list need not be signed. However, hard copies must be duly signed by the crew manager and the team captain. Signed hard copy of the race forms must be submitted during the team managers' meeting. The crew manager shall represent the crew in all matters pertaining to the racing competition. The crew manager is not allowed to compete / race with the crew on boat. Crew list may be used at the marshalling in conjunction with the race ID or crew gallery.

E. CREW GALLERY may also be used to identify and check members who will be racing. Gallery should contain clear photographs of crew members: without headdress, without sunglasses.

F. SUMMARY OF CREW - required for administrative reference. Please make sure to fill out the summary of singlet sizes.

G. TEAM WAIVER must be signed by team manager, team captain, and all crew members, and the hard copy submitted to the race secretariat on or before race day. No waiver, no loading.

SCHEDULES AND DEADLINES

✎**November 30, 2026** – Deadline of team confirmation (online registration)

✎**December 29, 2026** – Submission of race forms, final entry confirmation & payment of race fees

[1] IDBF Competition Regulations, Edition 9.0 (Effective January 1, 2025)
A8. Purposes The purposes of these Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing are to:
A8.1 provide a consistent framework for the organisation, regulation and control of Dragon Boat Regattas and other Dragon Boat Competitions;
A8.2 provide a basis on which fair and equal racing can take place in safety;
A8.3 ensure that the IDBF Safety on the Water guidelines for competition are always complied with and given precedence to.

✎**February 25 to 26, 2027 (Thursday and Friday)** –

- **Arrival of teams**. Submit hard copy of race forms to the race secretariat**.** Race IDs may also be claimed from the secretariat office. Venue to be announced.

- Test water all day from 0600H to 1700H. Teams who intend to do a test water must inform the organizers of their preferred schedule by filling out the slot on the online test water schedule form accessible through the QR code provided here. Slots will be on a first come, first served basis.

✎**February 26, 2027 (Friday)** – Team managers' meeting and opening ceremony. Time and venue will be confirmed in the succeeding information bulletin.

✎**DAY 1 – February 27, 2027 (Saturday) TENTATIVE** –

o Events:
- ✂ Premier Open Standard
- ✂ Premier Women Small Boat
- ✂ 24 & Under Open Small Boat DB12
- ✂ Senior-A Open Small Boat DB12

o 0600H - Call time for racers: 6:00 AM
o 0630H - Last minute briefing for team managers, helms and drummers
o 0645H - First call for Race No. 1
o 0700H - Race No. 1
o 1700H - Estimated end of last race of the day
o 1730H - Awarding of finished Day 1 races

✎**DAY 2 – February 28, 2027 (Sunday) TENTATIVE** –

o Events:
- ✂ (Unfinished races of Day 1, if any)
- ✂ Premier Mixed Standard DB22
- ✂ Premier Open Small Boat DB12
- ✂ Senior-A Mixed Small Boat DB12

o 0600H - Call time for racers
o 0630H - Last minute briefing for team managers, helms and drummers
o 0645H - First call for first race of the day
o 0700H - First race of the day
o 1600H - Estimated end of last race of the day
o 1700H - Awarding of Day 2 finished races & Closing Activity

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Online Registration

Test Water Sched Request

Info Bulletin & Race Forms

1. Team Confirmation
All teams interested to join the race are required to submit their online registration form through the QR code above. Once completed, the team will receive a confirmation message. Registration will be open until November 30, 2026 or until the maximum number of teams is reached, whichever comes first.In case teams will withdraw their entry, waitlisted teams will be accommodated as slots open.

2. Race Fee
Race fee is **One thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500) per competitor** for local teams from the Philippines and **Fifty US dollars (50 USD) per competitor** for teams from outside the Philippines, regardless of the number of entries where the said racer is lined up.

Race fee must be paid to the following bank account:

Bank Name: BPI
Account Name: RITESH NANDWANI
Account No.: 1666109544

Included in the race fee is a race singlet, event shirt, competitor's badge, race day lunch for two days, race kits, and other perks to be confirmed in the next information bulletin. One race fee only, regardless of how many events or categories a competitor will join, provided it is with the same team.

3. Uniform
Crews may use their respective team's uniform. One team uniform with the same color and design is recommended for easier identification, except the drummer who may use a different colored uniform or jersey.

4. Crew Waiver Form
Please be reminded that when signing a crew list and crew waiver form, the person signing is confirming that all competitors on the list are "fit to race." This means that race participants are not only physically able to take part in the race, but also do not possess any medical conditions that could jeopardize their health and the general conduct of the race. These conditions include but are not limited to infectious diseases, consumption of alcohol and illegal substances, or a known medical condition that makes the participant unfit to participate in the competition. Also, by signing the team waiver form, the participants give their express consent to the sharing, use and storing of their personal information for the purpose of this race.

5. Use of Personal Floatation Device
To ensure safety of participating players, everyone is required to wear a personal floatation device (PFD) / life vest during all water activities. Vests must be wearable over the shoulders with straps across the body. Belt-type and bracelet type vests are not allowed. No PFD will be provided by the organizers. Teams must bring their own PFDs. No paddler shall be allowed to load the boat and race without a PFD securely worn. Teams are advised to read carefully and brief their members on the PDBF water safety guidelines which is available at the PDBF website (https://pdbfsport.com).

6. Cleanliness
Cleanliness and environmentally-sound practices will strictly be enforced to maintain proper sanitation and waste disposal in the race venue. Teams are **STRONGLY ADVISED** and encouraged to keep their respective tents clean and orderly at all times. Use trash bags. Single-use plastic materials are prohibited. Bring personal canisters or cups and mesh kits.

7. Tent Allocation
Each team will be allocated a which has a dimension of 10x10 feet, more or less. Since Team A and B are considered separate teams, each of them will be given one tent.

8. Opening Ceremony
Opening program will be on February 26, 2026. Details on the time and venue will be released in the next information bulletin. Bring competitor's ID to have access to the opening ceremony and parade of teams. Awarding for the races that will be completed on each day will follow after all the races for each day are finished.

9. Race Day Lunch
Lunch will be provided for free to all registered participants, with due consideration of the food restrictions specified in the online confirmation for submitted by the team. Water and ice will likewise be available onsite. Food and drink merchants are also set up around the race venue, which the participants may also want to explore.

For more information and queries not included in this information bulletin, you may send a message to any of the following:

Event Facebook page:
PDBF Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ePDBF

Event e-mail: manilaidbregatta@gmail.com
PDBF e-mail: phidbfed@gmail.com

PDBF website: https://pdbfsport.com

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